



Superfund Redevelopment Pilots

Raymark Industries
Stratford, CT

EPA's Superfund Redevelopment Initiative (SRI) is a nationally coordinated effort to facilitate the return of Superfund sites to productive use by selecting response actions consistent with anticipated use. The SRI Pilots are intended to help local governments enhance their involvement in the Superfund decision-making process by assisting EPA in predicting future land uses for Superfund sites. Under the Pilot Program, EPA will provide up to \$100,000 in financial assistance and/or services to local governments for specified activities. Applicants are offered several types of program assistance, including funding through a cooperative agreement, access to facilitation services, and/or the availability of personnel under the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA).

BACKGROUND

EPA selected the Town of Stratford, Connecticut, for a Superfund Redevelopment Pilot. Stratford is home to the 34-acre Raymark Industries Superfund site. The site is near the Housatonic River, where Raymark Industries, Inc., manufactured brakes, clutch parts, and other friction products. Raymark and previous manufacturers operated on the property from 1919 until 1989. Raymark disposed of its manufacturing waste in lagoons on its own property. The wastes were also found in the fill on residential, commercial, and municipal properties in Stratford. In addition, several wetlands areas near the Housatonic River were filled in with Raymark's waste. The contaminants in the waste included polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), dioxin, semi-volatile and volatile organic compounds, asbestos, and metals. In April 1995, EPA added the site to its list of hazardous waste sites needing cleanup. As part of the Pilot, the town is focusing on specific areas of the Raymark site including commercial areas, two wetlands, the Raybestos Memorial fields, the Contract Plating site, the Beacon Point boat launch area, and the Housatonic Boat Club/Shore Road area.

OBJECTIVES

Stratford plans to use Pilot funds to assess these areas of the Raymark site and identify reuse options. This reuse assessment will be consistent with the existing redevelopment plans at the site and include the views of all stakeholders. The town also wants to expedite cleanup of these areas of the site that is, insofar as possible, consistent with land-use plans and acceptable to property owners and the community.

PILOT SNAPSHOT



Applicant Name: Stratford, CT

Site Name: Raymark Industries

Date of Selection: July 2000

Anticipated Award: Cooperative Agreement (\$100,000)

Profile: The city will identify reuse options consistent with the existing redevelopment plans for other areas of the site.

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